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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY: IN FIRST TWO DAYS OF OECD ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE'S 22ND PLENARY, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED  
ON ACCEPTABLE TOXIC SUBSTANCES PROGRAM BASED ON  
STOCKHOLM ACCORD AS FLESHED OUT BY CHEMICALS GROUP.  
(CERTAIN JAPANESE RESERVATIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL  
MECHANISMS STILL NEED TO BE RESOLVED, HOWEVER.)  
SECRETARIAT IS CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 20  
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TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS OF PART II PART OF THE  
PROGRAM. WE ALSO ACHIEVED SUCCESS IN RELATION TO  
TOTAL 1979 PROGRAM, WITH AGREED INCLUSION OF NEW  
PROJECTS IN AIR, WATER AND URBAN AREAS. END  
SUMMARY.

2. SECOND DAY OF OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 22ND

PLENARY SESSION BROUGHT CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR BROAD INTERNATIONAL EFFORT ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES OUTLINED AT STOCKHOLM (REF B) AND DEVELOPED IN DETAIL IN LAST WEEK'S MEETING OF OECD CHEMICALS GROUP (REF C). AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON HOW TO DIVIDE PART I (REGULAR BUDGET) AND PART II (SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCING) ACTIVITIES. ADDITIONALLY, AFTER CONSIDERABLE US EFFORT, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR SUPPORTING AND COORDINATING THE TWO TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, SUBJECT TO FINAL SATISFACTION ON WEDNESDAY OF JAPANESE CONCERNS RE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

3. AGREED PART I PROGRAM FOR CHEMICALS GROUP OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST DURING 1979 OF PROJECTS IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

- CHEMICALS TESTING PROGRAM
- INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROCEDURE
- INFO EXCHANGE ON PCBS AND MERCURY
- WILDLIFE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS
- DEVELOPMENT OF METHODOLOGIES FOR ASSESSING ECONOMIC AND TRADE CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS TO REGULATE TOXIC CHEMICALS

FIRST AND LAST ITEMS NOTED WERE AMONG THE SIX PRIORITY AREAS AGREED AT STOCKHOLM, REAFFIRMED AT OECD CHEMICALS GROUP MEETING (REF C), AND ALREADY UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERWAY.

4. THIS PROGRAM WILL CLAIM 18.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 1979 BUDGET. (CONCERNING REST OF 1979 PROGRAM, SEE PARAGRAPHS BELOW.)

5. PART II PROGRAM WILL IN FIRST INSTANCE CONSIST OF FOLLOWING PROJECTS, ALSO AGREED AT STOCKHOLM AS TOP PRIORITY.

- CONFIDENTIALITY
- GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICES
- INFORMATION EXCHANGE (ADDITIONAL TO THAT LISTED UNDER PART I)
- GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

MAGNITUDE OF THIS PROGRAM ESTIMATED BY SECRETARIAT

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TO BE ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO 24 PERCENT OF TOTAL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET (OR CLOSE TO  
\$500,000 PER YEAR).

6. DETAILS OF PART II PROGRAM, INCLUDING TOTAL  
COSTS, DURATION, FUNDING APPORTIONMENT, LEFT FOR  
RESOLUTION TO SPECIAL MEETING OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES  
WHICH SECRETARIAT ARRANGING FOR JUNE 20 (AND  
POSSIBLY 21). SECRETARIAT PROMISES TO SEND OUT  
LETTERS OF INVITATION WITH ISSUES PAPERS IN NEAR  
FUTURE.

7. CONCERNING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AFTER  
MUCH NEGOTIATING WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO CONCEPT, PROPOSED BY  
CHEMICALS GROUP, THAT THE GROUP MEET ON  
OCCASION IN SPECIAL SESSION AS "HIGH LEVEL ADMINIS-  
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TRATORS" (OR "STEERING GROUP") TO REACH CONCLUSIONS  
ON AND GIVE DIRECTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL WORK (OF  
BOTH PART I AND II PROGRAMS). SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

OF SUCH SPECIAL SESSIONS WILL BE REPORTED TO  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

8. A MANAGEMENT GROUP, WHICH IT WAS RECOGNIZED MUST  
OVERSEE THE SPECIFIC PART II ACTIVITIES, WAS NOT DE-  
FINED IN DETAIL IN VIEW OF MANY COUNTRIES' CONCERNS  
ABOUT PROLIFERATION OF GROUPS. HOWEVER ONE SUG-  
GESTION WAS THAT IT MIGHT MEET - IF APPROPRIATE -  
CONCURRENTLY WITH CHEMICALS GROUP, ESPECIALLY WHEN  
LATTER MEETS IN SPECIAL HIGH LEVEL SESSION (SINCE  
MANY OF THE PLAYERS WOULD BE THE SAME).

9. AS NOTED, ARRANGEMENTS NOT EASILY ARRIVED AT,  
MAINLY DUE TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES' (E.G. FRG, FRANCE,  
JAPAN) VERY STRONG INSISTENCE THAT ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE NOT BE LEFT OUT OF THE PICTURE. COMPROMISE,  
WHICH STILL MUST BE ACCEPTED BY JAPANESE, APPEARS  
TO MEET SUCH COUNTRIES' CONCERNS WHILE AT SAME TIME  
MAINTAINING FLEXIBILITY AND ACCEPTING US DESIRES  
FOR SUCH HIGH LEVEL SESSIONS TO BE CONVENED ON NEED  
AND REACH INDEPENDENT CONCLUSIONS ON PROGRAM  
MANAGERIAL AND POLICY ISSUES.

10. AS NOTED, A PART I CHEMICALS PROGRAM WILL  
REMAIN SIGNIFICANT PART OF REGULAR ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE BUDGET. AT 2-1/2 HOUR EVENING SESSION,  
GENERAL OUTLINE OF TOTAL PROPOSED 1979 PROGRAM  
WAS HAMMERED OUT IN NO SMALL PART THANKS TO  
TIMELY AND WELL TARGETED US INTERVENTION.

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11. THREE NEW PROJECTS WERE AGREED ON FOR 1979:

- CONTROL OF SPECIFIC TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN THE  
ATMOSPHERE
- CHLORINATION OF POTABLE WATER AND CONTROL OF TOXIC  
ORGANOCHLORINATED COMPOUNDS
- LONG TERM FUTURE FOR THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

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12. TWO (URBAN AND AIR) OF THESE THREE WERE AMONG  
OUR THREE TOP PRIORITY PROJECTS. WE WERE OUTVOTED  
ON THE SPECIFIC WATER PROJECT WE HAD PREFERRED  
(DIFFUSE SOURCES). HOWEVER, WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE  
THAT THE WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP HAS A SOLID NEW LEASE  
ON LIFE AND EPA REP BELIEVES THIS OUTWEIGHS OUR  
INABILITY TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON THE DIFFUSE SOURCES  
PROJECT.

13. IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW PROJECTS IN  
1979, IT WAS NECESSARY TO SWITCH "GLOSSARY OF KEY  
TERMS" TO THE PART II CHEMICALS ACTIVITY, AND CUT  
BACK SOME EXISTING PROJECTS (NOTABLY INCLUDING THE  
TFP WORK), AND PHASE IN THE NEW PROJECTS DURING  
1979 AT LEVELS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN SECRETARIAT PRO-  
POSED. (AT SAME TIME IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT IN  
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1980 SEVERAL ONGOING PROJECTS WILL TERMINATE AND IT  
SHOULD BE POSSIBLE THEN TO GEAR UP TO FULL SPEED  
FOR NEW ACTIVITIES.)  
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